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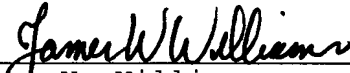
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- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A)
10-322629 (CANON INC), published December 4, 1998; and
- (2) Kamamoto et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,982,429, issued
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